

Michigan's State Planning Project for the Uninsured

STATEMENT OF PROJECT GOALS

The overarching goal of Michigan's State Planning Project is to develop a plan that puts forth a set of realistic strategies and viable options that will lead to health insurance coverage for all Michigan residents and promotes an understanding of uninsurance issues among key stakeholders and policy makers. The four specific project goals are:

- Create a broad-based, responsive, and effective governance structure for the Michigan State Planning Project for the Uninsured, including an Advisory Council, Steering Committee and Workgroups.
- Expand the current knowledge base regarding uninsurance issues through data collection activities designed to uncover unmet need, barriers to insurance coverage and system changes needed to extend coverage to all Michigan citizens.
- Using a consensus approach among key stakeholders and reflecting the quantitative and qualitative data collected, develop a set of options from which recommendations and a plan to extend access to health insurance coverage to all Michigan citizens will be produced, accompanied by a set of strategies to facilitate the adoption of the plan by key policymakers and the citizens of Michigan.
- Prepare a final report to DHHS on the processes and outcomes of the project, including: the information gained through data collection activities; the information and consensus processes used to select policy options for expanding coverage; monitoring systems and lessons learned that may be useful to other states, and recommendations to the Federal Government. Participate with Federal program staff in the development of a Summary Report to the Secretary of DHHS.

Goals of Models Development Workgroup

The Models Development Workgroup will review and assess Michigan's current insurance environment and existing safety net capacity. After assessing models designed to extend health insurance in terms of their feasibility, cost and acceptability, they will formulate issue papers on selected options. After additional research and deliberation, they will develop a prioritized list of expansion options that have achieved broad consensus. They will submit the list to the Advisory Council for their consideration.